



ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Date and time

St. Francis Catholic School, 691 Lilac Street, Sudbury, ON P3E 4E2

(705) 674-0701

Monday September 14, 2009 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Lorrie Petryna, Lise Malette, Kathy Kulos, Sandra Frappier, Cindy Rocca, Geri Lefebvre, Kellie Tremblay, Claudine Paolin, and Denis Frappier,		
Item		
1	Prayer	Opening and Welcome Prayer Everyone signed the attendance sheet with phone numbers and e-mail addresses.
2	Attendance	Lorrie Petryna, Lise Malette, Geri Lefebvre, Claudine Paolin, Sandra Frappier, Denis Frappier, Kellie Tremblay, Cindy Rocca, Cathy Kulos Election of new Catholic School Council: Chair - Kathy Kulos Vice Chair – Sandra Frappier Secretary – Cindy Rocca Teacher Rep – Lise Malette Parish Rep – Geri Lefebvre Parent Rep – Kellie Tremblay, Claudine Paolin, Eva Ryma, Denis Frappier, Michelle Watkins Community Rep – Carole Brunet (Best Start Program)
3	Adoption of the Last Meeting Minutes	Adopted by Lorrie Petryna, seconded by Kelly Tremblay.
4	Chair's Report – Parent Involvement Breakfast	St. Francis was given \$390 by the Regional Parent Involvement Committee to put towards a Parent Involvement Breakfast. Lorrie Petryna suggested it be used for the school's Open House (Sept. 24 th). Sandra Frappier suggested the funds be used for the breakfast. A suggestion was to invite the parents and have them RSVP so that final attendance numbers could be determined. It was decided that a portion of the funds will go towards the Open House with the remainder to go towards the Parent Involvement Breakfast, which will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 14 th from 8:30 am – 9:30 am.
5	Financial Report	\$13,000.00



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Principal's Report

- 1). School Population
We have 430 students within the school. Large JK/SK student population so we are hoping that there might be something to assist with these classes. We have an extra teacher in the school to help with the classes. Mrs. Pitman is now the principal of St. Michael's School – Mr. Tarini is part time as VP during the morning hours. Interviews will be taking place later in September and hopefully we will have a new VP after this. Some principals have taken jobs as supervisory officers in other boards in the province over the summer which caused some vacancies. Our class sizes are within guidelines.
- 2). Commissioning Service – Wednesday September 30th, 2009 at 6:30 RPIC meeting Wed. Nov. 11, 2009 at 6:30 RPIC meeting Wed. Jan.13, 2010 at 6:30 RPIC meeting March 10, 2010 at 6:30 RPIC meeting Wed. May 12, 2010 at 6:30 Meeting place is yet to be determined.
- 3). We have received \$390 for a breakfast – as per Chair's Report. Volunteer forms will be provided for families. Opportunity to see what is going on in the classrooms, field trips, lap top info. etc. ...Brenda Cavallin will be in representing the parishes with sacrament information, etc. Communication with parents is ongoing through website; e-mails (Lise has spent time putting e-mail addresses together so we can send notices to parents). Parish involvement with Father Larry – he is visiting each class twice during the school year. We also have prayer services and Masses planned throughout the year; both here at the school and at the Church (OLH) for year-end Mass. Expensive to bus the students there but worth the trip (air conditioned building which was great last June during the last week of school).
- 4). EQAO results have just been released. At first glance they look promising. This is grade 3 and 6 students.
- 5). Purchases – books from book fair last spring – additional books were placed in the library, bookroom and classes. Literacy program was purchased for junior grades (\$8,000.00). Purchased a science program for the grade 7 and 8 F1 teachers. Last year purchased something similar for the grade 7/8 regular program.



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		<p>Those families who have not been able to put money into agendas – we have subsidized for them. \$7.00 is only a partial cost... We won a Smartboard through a contest and the grade 5/6 classes both received their own smartboards through the schoolboard.</p> <p>Money in the bank at the end of August was approximately \$13,000.00.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6). Fundraising events within the school – Catalogue sales – orders should be into the school by October 1st. 7). ARC Meetings – meetings are taking place in the fall to provide input to new school. Each of the feeder schools affected will be involved. Cathy Kulos and Sandra Frappier have both expressed interest in the process – so one or the other will represent at St. Francis as the transition is made for the new school setting. 8). Student Council – Plan spirit days, special events. etc... We hope to have the students' council up and running by the end of the month. I will look over this particular group. Input into what happens within the school. 9). Field Trips – Grade 7/8 Ski Trip – two days and one night in January (aprox. cost \$190.00); Junior grades are looking at a one day trip to Toronto in June (aprox. cost \$200.00); Grade 8 trip to Ottawa or Montreal (\$350.00) or John Island (\$200.00). The parents will be surveyed with possible choices. 10). Grade 8 graduation – Tuesday, June 22nd – 12:30 p.m with dance that evening -6:30 to 9:30 pm.
7	<p>Fundraising Committee Report – Fall Fundraiser</p>	<p>Some discussion amongst the council: Fundraiser events have been difficult to continue without new members of the parent council. In addition, it's been difficult to network and come up with fresh ideas for fundraisers and prizes, etc. It was suggested that one Parent Rep from each class attend Parent Council meetings.</p>
8	<p>Other Business</p>	



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9	Next Meeting	November 23 rd @ 6:30
11	Adjournment	Movement to adjourn: Sandra Frappier – seconded by Lise Malette.